

**MASS INTENTIONS
February 19 - 24, 2019**

Tuesday, 19th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Bernice Koebel – Joan Ferraccioli
Wednesday, 20th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Debbie Alamenciak – Madeline Haller
7:00 pm	Intentions of Sandy & David Milne – St. Vincent de Paul Conference
	+Dr. Joe Flood – Eleanor Buchanan
	+Rachel Conway – Gary & Marion Howell
	+Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margaret & Dana Marsh
	+Albert MacDonald – Dorothy MacDonald
Thursday, 21st	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Douglas Schefter – Joan Schefter
Friday, 22nd	- Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren
Saturday, 23rd	- The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Intentions of Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki
	Intentions of Judy Van Ooteghem – Mike & Mary McKelvie
	+Mary McCarville – the Family
	+Mildred Fisher – Diocesan Parish Ministers Association
	+Len Keip – the Keip Family
	+Jerome & Eileen George – Mike & Marg George
	+Bernice Meyer – the Family
Sunday, 24th	- The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

February 17, 2019

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection February 9/10 \$6,000.75
2019 Total Collection \$32,749.94

Looking Ahead to Feb. 24, 2019

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25
 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 Luke 6: 27-38

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 18: **Rev. Scott Whitfield**
 Tues. Feb. 19: **Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo**
 Wed. Feb. 20: **Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood (RPB)**
 Thu. Feb. 21: **Rev. Francesco Cucchi**
 Fri. Feb. 22: **Rev. David Reilander**
 Sat. Feb. 23: **Rev. Leszek Szczygiel**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
 Parish Office Closed for Family Day
 Overeaters Anonymous (AR) 7:30 pm

Wednesday
 Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed) 10 am – noon

Thursday
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 9:00 am
 Games Afternoon (H) 2:00 pm
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:30 pm
 Choir Party (H) 6:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday
 Hospitality Ministry Mtg (C) After Masses

Sunday
 1st Reconciliation Mtg #2 (C) 1:00 pm

AROUND TOWN

“AFTER THE STORM” - Building the Pope Francis Village: A Reel Justice Event

In 2013, the survivors of super typhoon Haiyan, in Tacloban, the Philippines, saw their community destroyed. Many of you gave generously to our special emergency collection. Now it's time to share the good news! Learn how your money has created a village that has become a model for disaster relief. Please join us Friday Feb. 22 at St Raphael's Parish Hall, 4072 New St., Burlington. Doors open at 5 pm, potluck meal at 5:30, film at 7 pm. Our special guest, Jess Augustin, our Philippines Program Officer, will be on hand to answer your questions. A special invitation is extended to all Filipino members of our community.

The next **Ecumenical Service with Taizé Music** will be Sun. Feb. 24, 7:30pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Please join us for an evening of meditative song and prayer focused on scripture.

Lecture in Catholic Experience Please join us on Friday, March 1, 7:30 pm for the next Lecture in Catholic Experience hosted by St. Jerome's University, entitled, "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues." Sr. Helen Prejean, SJ, is a southern storyteller who will bring us on a journey about her involvement with the Ministry Against the Death Penalty. This ministry believes in the dignity of all people, expresses mercy and justice by standing side by side with those who are outcasts, promotes compassionate alternatives to the death penalty, and supports victims' families. Location: Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce. Tickets are not required at the door.

It's the **3rd Annual KW Trivia Challenge**, where teams exercise their brainpower amid a battle of wits to become Trivia Champions. The Kitchener Knights of Columbus and Heffner Toyota are teaming up to support Hospice of Waterloo Region. As our aging demographic increases people require comfort and support to make their end of life experience as manageable as possible. Funds realized will aid the increased need for hospice service in our region. Police Chief Bryan Larkin will again MC this year's event on Friday March 1, at 7:30 PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 105 King Street East in Kitchener. Go to snapd.at/pew9tcs for tickets

Lift Jesus Higher Rally! Be inspired, encouraged and healed at the largest single day Catholic event in Canada, the 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally. The theme is "Hope in the Midst of Suffering". Sat. March 2, 9am – 5:30pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and guest speaker Fr. Mark Goring. Mass for Adults will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Mass for Youth will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Goring. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo, is organizing transportation. Price including entry ticket and transportation to event is \$55. For more info and to purchase your ticket please contact Mel Raos at 519-504-9980.

The Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to St. Joseph, March 11-19. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd. R.R.#1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

From the Pastor's Desk:

With Lent less than three weeks away it is good to remind ourselves of some of the expectations and obligations that rest upon us during this liturgical season.

Fasting and abstinence are without question two of the most known aspects of Lent. Christian fasting (one meal a day with two collations during the day, and no snacking between meals) is the limitation of food and drink – all those between the ages of 18 – 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The church reminds us that fasting is carried out in order to open ourselves more to prayer, to share more in the sufferings of those who lack food, and to save some money in order to be charitable towards the poor. Fasting as a penitential act helps to open our hearts more to God and others, and to give witness to the depth of our faith. Abstinence means to refrain from meat – all those 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The penitential acts of fasting and abstinence are an activity of the entire universal church. For the entire universal church to share in these common acts of penance during Lent is to powerfully bear witness to the world that we are indeed a united people dedicated to our faith, dedicated to our God. Lent calls us not only to fast and abstain, but to also dedicate this holy season to deepening our life of prayer, to daily communication with our God. Lent calls us to receive the sacraments of the church on a more regular basis, most especially confession, but Eucharist as well. Lent calls us to carry out more acts of charity by emphasizing almsgiving.

One other penitential act for you to consider. There is an ancient spiritual practice called the “Paschal Fast” which helps to highlight the passion of Christ. This is the act of fasting on Good Friday and continuing that fast until the Easter Saturday Vigil begins when we announce Christ has risen from the dead. We are not obliged to the Paschal Fast, but something for us to consider as a value to our spiritual lives.

Father Tim, C.R.



CWL MEMBERSHIP DUE

Membership fees for 2019 are due for all members of the Catholic Women's League. If you haven't already sent in your dues please use the blue envelope in your 2019 church envelope box, or any envelope, and put it in the collection. Be sure to include your name, address and email address. Dues for this year remain the same at \$30.

MONTHLY GAME DAY



On the third Thursday of each month we get together and play silly games! Join us on **THURS. Feb. 21** from 2 – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For more info contact Jane Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS for those who donated to the parish or to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2018 are available for pickup in the foyer by the church kitchen. If you have any questions concerning your receipt please contact Alice in the parish office. Please pick them up by Feb. 24 to save us the cost of mailing. Thank you for your generosity!

BAD WEATHER AND MASS

A reminder that when bad weather strikes you should not come to Mass. During the week, if Kitchener **SCHOOL BUSES** are cancelled, then **WEEKDAY MASSES** are cancelled and the office is closed. On the weekend, if the roads are dangerous, and especially if **CITY BUSES** are not running, then you should not be risking your life or the lives of others by attempting to come to church. You can find out if buses are cancelled by listening to AM 570 News or online at www.570news.com. We will also post other event cancellations on this news website and the parish website. Thank you for keeping yourself and others safe!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday March 1 we join our voices in prayer with Christians throughout the world. World Day of Prayer began as a grassroots women's mission movement in the 19th century and continues to unite people today. This year's prayer service was prepared by the women of Slovenia and has the theme “Come – Everything is Ready!” So Come! We are ready to pray together for justice in our world. Join our brothers and sisters from the local ecumenical churches, here at St. Francis Parish at 2pm on March 1. Fellowship will follow in the hall.

THANK YOU for your generous donations to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive. We collected 343 lbs of food to share with our neighbours in need.

LITTLE BOOKS FOR LENT can be picked up in the foyer by the church kitchen for all those who ordered them. There is no cost, you have already paid for the set.



Join us for our annual **Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party** on Shrove Tuesday, **March 5 at 6:00 pm**. Supper of pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup and sherbet begins at 6pm. Come dressed in Mardi Gras colours! Bring your own mask or make one here! Live music provided by Tim Moher and his Mardi Gras Jazz Band! Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale after Masses Feb. 16/17, 23/24 and March 2/3, or in the Parish Office until March 4. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TRAINING

We would like to again offer a Bereavement Support Group here at St. Francis Parish, so we are looking for someone who would be interested in training to lead such a group. If you have experienced the death of a loved one and are interested in learning more about how to lead a support group, please contact Fr. Tim or the parish office. Helping others on their grief journey is an act of mercy which brings so many blessings for you and those you lead.

“Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable. They are two sides of the same coin; lived together they are the true strength of believers!”

~ @Pontifex, February 9, 2019



Alpha ... Come and See! Looking for answers? The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low-key, friendly and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session, which gives you the opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss, discover and ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile. **The Alpha Course will begin Feb. 28th and run until May 2nd at St. Mark's Parish** (55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener). *Questions?* ... Please feel free to contact Ian Kangaloo at 226-808-4733 or stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

Defending The Faith Conference (Adult) July 26-28, 2019 in Steubenville, Ohio. Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and others this summer to receive a deeper understanding of our Catholic Church teachings and experience a greater sense of confidence in our faith. Bus arrangements have been made. Discounts are given for registrations made before February 28, 2019. A group discount can apply too. For information contact Mary Anne Kearns mackearns@hotmail.com or 519-578-6218.

Lenten Preparation - Our Life in Community Tues. March 12, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination from the Saint John's Bible. Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God. Feel free to join us at 6:30pm for the Rosary and/or 7:00 pm for Mass. Sponsored by St. Michael's CWL, everyone is welcome, men and women!

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 15, 2019 call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca. Visit www.retrouvaille.org.

eBooks The Bishop Farrell Library and Archives offers a wide selection of eBooks on topics related to the Catholic faith including scripture and bible study, family and relationships, ministry, social justice and church history. These can be accessed via at <https://hamiltondiocesebfl.overdrive.com/>. The eBook collection provides 24/7 access to our library resources and can be used by anyone regardless of location. For more information please call 905-528-7988 ext 2270. All are welcome to benefit from our resources!

Are you Separated or Divorced? Separation and divorce can cause you to feel as if you are on a roller coaster. Come and learn how to minimize the impact on yourself and how to feel stronger. Learning to Cope (Level 1) is a ten week support program offered here at St. Francis Parish on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30m, starting March 19. For more information please contact the Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext 2249. Cost is \$35. Have you already completed Level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey towards healing. Find out more at www.hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

Communal Baptism

Monthly, please call the parish office to register.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year before wedding date.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terriane Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	Mr. Gary Howell
Seminarian:	Rev. Mr. Raphael Ma, C.R.

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

Vocations Information: www.vocationinfo.ca
www.vocationculture.ca



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

*"Rejoice and leap for joy;
for surely your reward is great in heaven."*
Matthew 4: 19

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